GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HOME AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA

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ARREST OF BANGLADESHI SPY AGENTS
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Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) Whether some foreign nationals have been arrested on charges of espionage during 2005 and so far in 2006;

(b) If so, the details thereof, country-wise;

(c) Whether the Government has taken any action against them so far; and

(d) If so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI SRIPRAKASH JAISWAL)

(a) & (b): As per available inputs during the period January, 2005 to November 22, 2006, a total of 26 foreign nationals have been arrested on charges of espionage. Out of the 26 foreign nationals, 24 are Pakistani nationals and one each a Nepalese and Bangladeshi national.

(c) & (d): Necessary action has been initiated against such persons under the relevant provisions of the Official Secrets Act, 1923 and /or other relevant laws.